

## **Report on Educational Trip to Don Bosco Centre for Indigenous Cultures (DBCIC)**

Date: 17th September 2024

On the 17th of September 2024, students of the English Department had the opportunity to participate in an educational trip to the Don Bosco Centre for Indigenous Cultures (DBCIC) in Shillong. This trip was undertaken under the initiative and supervision of Ms. Megan D. Nonglait. It aimed to provide the students with an immersive experience, allowing them to explore the rich cultural diversity of North East India. The DBCIC houses an extensive exhibition of cultural artifacts, spread across multiple floors. Each gallery is thematically arranged, showcasing traditional clothing, tools, and various art forms from Indigenous communities of the region. The museum's vivid paintings and sculptures, which depict various aspects of North East India's cultures, enhanced the educational value of the visit.

The students gained a deeper understanding of the anthropological aspects of the region, learning about the traditions, customs, and histories of the various tribes. The museum's collection offers a comprehensive look into the lives and legacies of the Indigenous peoples, making it a meaningful opportunity for academic enrichment.

A highlight of the trip was the Skywalk at the top of the museum, where students enjoyed a panoramic view of Shillong.

The trip proved to be a valuable learning experience, giving students the chance to acquire knowledge beyond the classroom about the cultural fabric of North East India.

A total of 38 students and 3 faculty members of the Department were part of this trip.

### **Student Feedback**

**a)** One of the students shared, *"The trip to Don Bosco museum was filled with lots of learning experiences, especially on the traditional lifestyle of the northeastern states. Everyone was very enthusiastic about the visit. We discovered and learned a lot—from lifestyle to occupation, from art to music, and the diversity present in almost every state. The most memorable experience for me was being able to learn about different traditional musical instruments from all over the northeastern states."*

**b)** Another student added a personal reflection: *"It was a new experience to visit the museum with college friends, especially those not from the state. I got to share some of the lore and stories of Meghalaya and also got to learn about their states as well."*



 **GPS Map**  
**Camera Lite**

HVVM+45G, Mawlai Mawdatbaki, Shillong, Meghalaya 793017,  
India

Latitude  
25.59281163°

Longitude  
91.88271263°

Local 12:26:37 PM  
GMT 06:56:37 AM

Altitude 1440 meters  
Tuesday, 17.09.2024





